

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Misao NOMURA
Serial Number : New
Filed : January 15, 2004 (herewith)
For : ROLL-TOP SHIELD FOR WEIGHING SCALES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 15, 2004

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as set forth on the attached sheets.